

he wanted the Freedom of Choice Act to be the first piece of legislation that he would sign as President. So important to this pro-abortion President is the issue of the Freedom of Choice Act, he wanted to make that the signature item of his Presidency.

It's a cruel statement to make to the children of this country because there's a lie that's been perpetrated over the years since the 1960s. Planned Parenthood has said "every child, a wanted child;" which, by implication, means that if a mother does not want the child, it's better to kill the child than to allow that child to receive life.

But I can attest to the fact that I believe every child in the United States and across the world is a wanted child because there are arms that are open and waiting of childless parents all across this country who would love to receive a child, but children just aren't available for adoption.

My husband and I are fortunate enough to have 5 children born to us, and we were also fortunate to have 23 foster children come into our home. We were delighted to take at-risk children into our home, thrilled that we could have that opportunity. There are people all across this country who would also like to have that opportunity.

It is horrific to know that in the African American community, 50 percent of all African American pregnancies in the United States end in abortion, 50 percent. That is a genocide of African Americans of the United States. It should not be. There are Americans all across this country who would love to adopt African American babies, but they can't because 50 percent of all African American pregnancies today are ending in abortion.

What would the Freedom of Choice Act do? Very simply, it's this: It would eviscerate, it would take away every State and local restriction that there is today on abortion—reasonable restrictions, restrictions like making

sure every woman has the right to know what options are available to her, to know what is an abortion, what does it mean. For women who have the opportunity to see their unborn child on an ultrasound machine, it's an earthshaking experience to see your baby, your flesh and blood, moving on an ultrasound machine.

It takes a woman, it takes the father of that baby to think of what this means. This is human life, and it causes them to want to choose life and give life to that unborn child.

Reasonable restrictions have been passed all across this country in many hard-fought battles, and 35 years of effort from the pro-life community would be extinguished just like that. But that's what our President wants to have happen. He wants to take away any pro-life opportunity available from American women.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Reclaiming my time just for a second because I had a little difficulty pulling up the bill.

But this is what Representative BACHMANN is talking about, and this is what the bill says. "A government may not"—a government may not—"number 1, deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose, (a) to bear a child, (b) to terminate a pregnancy prior to viability"—that's probably about 24 weeks of life—or (c) to terminate a pregnancy after 24 weeks of life, viability, "where termination is necessary to protect the life or the health of the woman."

And then it goes on to say a government may not "discriminate against the exercise of these rights set forth" in that paragraph "in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information."

Just like the gentle lady from Minnesota was talking about. Let them see an ultrasound. Why not? It's being taken anyway. Why shouldn't they have the opportunity to see it?

Well, I want to thank, first of all, my colleague for being with me this

evening. Two important issues. I thank Mr. Speaker for his indulgence.

Let's be thinking, men and women, and ask God for the wisdom of Socrates as we debate and make decisions on these terribly important issues facing our Nation and our people.

With that, I yield back my time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ALTMIRE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. ALTMIRE, for 5 minutes, today.
- Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. RAHALL, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. FORTENBERRY, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 10 a.m.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MICHAEL PATRICK RYAN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 20 AND DEC. 24, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Mike Ryan	12/20	12/21	Kuwait		167.00						167.00
	12/21	12/22	Iraq								—
	12/23	12/23	Afghanistan								—
	12/23	12/24	Germany		321.00						321.00
Committee total					488.00						488.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

MICHAEL RYAN, Jan. 26, 2009.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Collin C. Peterson	11/30	12/2	United Kingdom		614.12		10,501.39				11,115.51
Hon. Tim Holden	11/30	12/2	United Kingdom		614.12		7,928.39				8,542.51
Hon. Bob Etheridge	12/1	12/2	United Kingdom		399.92		7,565.39				7,965.31
Hon. Jim Marshall	11/30	12/2	United Kingdom		614.12		7,928.39				8,542.51
Hon. Jim Costa	12/1	12/2	United Kingdom		399.92		9,793.39				10,193.31
Rob Larew	12/1	12/2	United Kingdom		399.92		8,699.39				9,099.31
Clark Ogilvie	11/30	12/2	United Kingdom		614.12		7,898.39				8,512.51
Kevin Kramp	11/30	12/2	United Kingdom		614.12		7,898.39				8,512.51